



2021 Emergency Services Citizen's Academy Offered by Mineral Wells Police and Fire Departments

September 6 – November 16th
Tuesday nights, 6:30-9:00 PM



Announcing the 2021 Mineral Wells Emergency Services Citizens Academy.

- Do you wonder what your local police and firemen do each day in our city?
- Do you wonder how to fight a fire or extricate accident victims?
- Do you think you could make a traffic stop, an arrest, or investigate a crime?
- Have wondered why an officer didn't arrest someone? Or why they did?
- Do you know what happens after the police or firemen leave?
- Do you think the law protects suspects more than it protects victims?
- Do you think you could do better?

Come and find out! We are accepting applications for the 2021 Emergency Services Citizen's Academy (ESCA), a series of classes hosted by the Mineral Wells Police and Fire Departments. This 11-week course will be held Tuesday nights from 6:30 PM to 9 PM. Topics will include:

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| • History of the MW Police and Fire Depts. | • History of Policing |
| • Fire Department Operations | • Constitutional and Criminal Law |
| • Police Department Operations | • Roles of Prosecutors, Attorneys, and Judges |
| • Police Patrol and Field Investigations | • Use of Force |
| • Criminal Investigation | • Victim Support and Services |
| • Fire Scene Investigation | • Emergency Vehicle Operations |

Participants will also ride-out with patrol officers and EMS providers, tour the city jail, perform mock traffic stops, and drive a police car on a test track.

Why do we hold these classes? We want to educate our citizens to gain their support. We want the community to understand how police and fire departments operate, why they operate the way they do, and how public expectations and the legal system shape police and fire responses. We believe open communication and frank discussions will benefit the entire community.

The class is limited to 25 students who are at least 18 years of age. A criminal history check will be conducted on each applicant and only instructors will be allowed to carry weapons. Participants are required to attend at least nine of the 11 sessions to graduate. All are expected to dress and conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times.

Applications may be picked up from the police department or downloaded from the city's web site (www.mineralwellstx.gov). Written applications are due by Sept 5th for consideration or, if emailed, by Sept 6th. Accepted applicants will be notified by phone or email no later than Monday, Sept 6th. For further information or if you have questions about qualifications, contact Sgt. Neal Davis by phone (940-328-7770, 940-329-1112 or email (ndavis@mineralwellstx.gov)).